

MSC Guidelines for Review of Control station definition

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Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> SOLAS 2001 Cite: II-2/3.18<input type="checkbox"/> SOLAS 1974 Cite: II-2/3.22
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Regulation Text	<p>“Control stations are those spaces in which the ship’s radio or main navigating equipment or the emergency source of power is located or where the fire recording or fire control equipment is centralized. Spaces where the fire recording or fire control equipment is centralized are also considered to be a fire control station.”</p>
Guidance	<p>Control stations are spaces such as the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Main navigational equipment includes, in particular, the steering stand and the compass, radar and direction finding equipment.2. Steering gear rooms containing an emergency steering position are not considered to be control stations.3. Where in the regulations of chapter II-2 relevant to fixed fire-extinguishing systems there are no specific requirements for the centralization within a control station of major components of a system, such major components may be placed in spaces which are not considered to be a control station.4. Spaces containing, for instance, the following battery sources should be regarded as control stations regardless of the battery capacity:<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. emergency batteries in separate battery room for power supply from black out till start of the emergency generator;ii. emergency batteries in separate battery room as reserve source of energy to radiotelegraph installation;iii. batteries for start of the emergency generator; andiv. in general, all emergency batteries required in pursuance of regulation II 1/42 or regulation II 1/43.
Background	<p>The control station definition does not include the amplifying control station guidance contained in MSC Circ.847’s interpretation to II-2/3.33. This interpretation includes requirements for control station designation of spaces containing emergency batteries, and various types of navigational equipment.</p>

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